

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present were Tracy Newhouse, City Attorney, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES:** Clerk-Treasurer Copley said she corrected the minutes due to having the incorrect address and parcel number listed for the public hearing. Conner moved to approve the minutes of August 21, 2018 as corrected. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. Thanked those that responded during the recent storm.
2. A local resident and arborist, Mr. Harris, will be working with the City to give suggestions regarding our trees.
3. We had a budget review today and tried to come up with our strategies.
4. Met with Umbaugh last week regarding our capital improvement plan and financials.
5. State RFP 19011 relates to opioid treatment and programing. They identified several communities they wanted to target. Rush County was one of the communities. We wrote a letter stating that if the State moves forward we would be willing to at least discuss the direction of the program.
6. Last week we had training on the new GIS equipment. They were able to locate 15 valves in about 10 minutes.
7. Patronicity project appears that as of tomorrow we will hit our goal. Kudos to Brian Sheehan. We may potentially have enough money to finish the council chambers with the remaining funds.
8. The Main Street road closure will take place the Monday after Rush Fest. It is expected to take approximately 2 weeks.
9. The construction on the street scape will be starting soon.
10. We will have a housing meeting Thursday.
11. We will be meeting to discuss 2 viable options for the Taff building later this week.

12. The Rotary Club will tour City Center next Tuesday; if any of the Council members would like to join us contact the Mayor or Sheehan.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Stellar Designation** – We will have a resolution for the regional stellar at the next meeting.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The last concert is September 15.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.
- **City Center** – We will be meeting this week to coordinate blocking, where TV's will hang, etc.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – There is a hearing on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Brownfield Grant** – An extension has been granted.
- **Housing** – To be discussed later in this meeting.
- **ECDC** – McCane reported that he met last week with Councilman Berkemeier, Clerk-Treasurer Copley, the Rush County Auditor and Assessor regarding the policy for tax abatement. He commended Councilman Berkemeier for the information he provided. He and Berkemeier will be reviewing and revising the abatement workbook.

McCane said Project Columbus has been moved back, but they are still moving forward. Project Scorpion is also moving forward.

Rush County's unemployment is down to 2.9%.

Councilman Conner asked if there has been any interest in the Wal-Mart building. McCane said there has been some interest, but no commitment

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker said Homecoming is this weekend. Thursday evening there will be a parade which will close some streets.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller said they have been removing asphalt from the Carol Jenkins Davis Park.

Heavy trash will be picked up the week of September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Park** – Director Burklow reported that they have received a grant from Duke Energy for \$16,500 for the Carol Jenkins Davis Park. R. L. Coon will begin working to mound up dirt and start planting grass. They will be planting 21 tulip poplar trees in the park. Also the agility equipment for the dog park should be installed this week.

**Animal** – Warden Cottrell said they have hired a part-time employee. They are putting together a protocols and procedure manual. They have also been working on the layout for their new building.

Cottrell said since June 1<sup>st</sup> they have adopted 301 animals. Councilman Smith said per this report we really have a cat problem. Cottrell reviewed the rest of the report with Council and also began providing numbers for City vs. County animals and calls. Mayor Pavey said they are also discussing the idea of pre-vetting.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins said the back room is completed. The next item to tackle is the HVAC.

The demolition of the 4 BEP properties will start in approximately 2 weeks. The first one to come down will be 219 E 9<sup>th</sup>.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** Roy Mohr praised the city animal control efforts.

Mohr asked if the City has an ordinance on the books concerning blowing grass into the streets and gutters. Pavey said there is. Mohr said it really needs to be policed. He witnessed 2 places with this issue today.

Mohr asked the status of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street drainage project. Pavey informed Mohr that we will be discussing the matter later in this meeting.

He questioned who is responsible for checking tall grass sites. Mayor Pavey said that would be Chuck Jenkins. Mohr said he will speak to Chief Jenkins.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Annexation – North Spencer Street Annexation Remaining**
  - a. **Philpot (House) 1531 N Spencer**
  - b. **Gerrian 1521 N Spencer**
2. **Ordinance 2018-4 Philpot Empty Lot 100 N** – Bridges moved to approve Ordinance 2018-4. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **Historic Commission and Preservation Ordinance** – Will consider this ordinance at our next meeting.
4. **Street Retail Pop-up Vendors** –
  - a. **Ordinance 2018-21 Amending Transient Merchants Peddlers and Solicitation** – We are not ready to move forward.
  - b. **Ordinance 2018-22 Amending Noise Regulations** – We are not ready to move forward.
5. **Policy for Vacating Alleys** – Newhouse is putting together a policy. It will go through the APC and then to Council. We will get a copy of the policy to Council.
6. **Landlord Meeting** – We will have a public meeting Tuesday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Rushville Villas - Waiver of Bonds** – Russel Brown, from Clark Quinn, said they put out an RFP in the spring for a single family development. One response was received. He now needs to make an adjustment to the original plat for single family and multi-family units. This would give direct access to 16th Street for the multi-family units. The primary change is the location of the entry. We also have secondary plat adjustment relating to the drainage location. We are making progress with the project. Brown requested a waiver of maintenance and performance bond for the 4 acres.

Roy Mohr said he has concerns as to where the water will go. Brown did not have plans with him, but he said there would be a retention pond. Brown said there will be 2 storm systems in place. Mohr stated that we can't get rid of the water. We are concerned if there are more houses where will the water go. Mohr asked if there will be a guardrail. Pavey said there will not be a guardrail, but there will be a feature of housing addition in place.

Councilman Smith asked if the City would assume liability for pipes and drains. Brown said eventually that would be turned over to the HOA for ongoing maintenance and repairs.

Smith made a motion to approve waiving the maintenance and performance bond for the 4 acres as presented by Brown. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **2. Fire Rescue:**

- a. **Integrated Community Paramedic** –
  - b. **Transfer/Dual Response Proposal** –
  - c. **Ambulance Fee Recommendation (Transfers)**
- a. Jenkins passed out pamphlets describing the integrated community paramedic program. He said there is no out of pocket cost to the community. Most items are already in place. This would be part of Rachel Clark's duties.

Rachel Clark is a certified community paramedic. Clark said there are many ways to do this program some are successful and some are not. Our model has been approved by IU. She said it benefits the community as a whole. It keeps patients from being readmitted to the hospitals and or falling through the cracks. We can identify some of these patients. Jenkins suggested approving the program on a short term basis so we can get numbers. We would work with doctors and hospitals and open this to the entire County.

Councilman Cameron asked about the criteria for the patient. Clark said they would need to do an assessment to see if there is a need. Smith said he was concerned as to how we protect the City from liability. Clark said the paramedic has protocols to protect the City. Smith said we don't want to sacrifice our current service to the City and the Central District. Cameron suggested that we check with our insurance to make sure we don't need anything additional. Bridges made a motion to move forward assuming there is no change in the insurance. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

b. Transfer Dual Response – Chief Jenkins said in this case we would be used as a second call to take a transfer. We would only use part-time people for transfers. We would use the 3<sup>rd</sup> ambulance for this service. We would need to use some of our EMS funds to get started with the program. Smith said he would like to have a little time to study before saying ok. Pavey said this should be done fairly quickly, but he does not oppose to doing a study. Jenkins said he thinks it is a good idea. We would need to hire more part time employees. Berkemeier asked how much time they would you need to get started? Jenkins said they could start by the end of September or early October. Jenkins said we can do this without using tax payers money.

Berkemeier made a motion to move forward with the proposal of dual response. Motion died for lack of a second. Cameron made a motion to proceed with allowing Jenkins to put a plan in place for dual response for the next meeting. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **Resolution 2018-16 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2018-16. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Highway 3 Bridge vs. Golf Cart Conflict Ordinance 2018-23** – The ordinance would allow travel over the Flatrock River Bridge on South Main to access property on the other side of the bridge. The bridge crosses over a state highway. Cameron made a motion to modify the ordinance. Conner seconded the motion. Smith and Berkemeier voted “nay”. Motion carried.

**CLAIMS AND JULY 2018 BANK RECONCILEMENT** – Berkemeier moved to approve the claims and the July 2018 bank reconciliation as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE** – None.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.